

Religious Bulletin

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The Spiritual Bouquet.

What shrinking little violets you are! There is no doubt at all that you responded to the appeals made this week for prayers for John Egan and Silas Ballou, but what evidence have you to show John and Mrs. Ballou for their comfort. You will find on the table given below that 175 rosaries were promised: on Sunday night 900 students recited the rosary for John Egan at Benediction in the church; on Monday at five there were 60 at the recitation, and on Tuesday there were more than 1100 -- and the fervor of the prayer and of the singing impressed many a student. Why all the silly timidity about chalking up the offering -- making a register that would encourage others to pray? The table shows a scale of human respect, with Sorin and Howard Halls the Alpha and Omega of blushing timidity:

	Sor.	Cor.	Bad.	Wal.	Mor.	Lyn.	Sop.	Fr.	Br.	Cr.	How.	Totals
Holy Communions	5	12	27	40	29	159	41	22	16	31	0	382
Masses said	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Masses heard	2	3	10	12	19	67	15	9	12	14	0	163
Rosaries	1	27	7	18	27	67	6	13	17	13	0	175
Visits - B. Sac.	1	15	5	12	15	27	9	11	12	4	0	97
Visits - Grotto	0	3	3	18	7	38	15	4	10	13	1	119
Adorations	0	1	3	6	1	8	1	2	3	0	0	27

Perhaps the presumption that you are offering up prayers is all wrong. Yesterday the Bulletin gave the comment of a non-Catholic visitor who saw in your devotion to Van Wallace the secret of Notre Dame spirit. Have you that devotion? Perhaps we are just kidding ourselves. Here are some figures that make us doubt. Every week a plea has been made for the team; how the appeal was answered is shown in this table;

Beloit - decrease of	127
Minnesota - increase of	68
Penn State - " "	198
Northwestern - decrease of	308
Georgia Tech - increase of	62

Possibly a sense of shame for your neglect of the team on the previous Saturday, when Joe Boland and Fred Collins were injured, accounted for the increase on the day of the Penn State game.

Your spiritual support of the team has been largely visionary; your support of forbidden dances has been very real. "As you sow, so shall you reap."

The Army game is one week away. On the day of the army game last year 42% of the Catholic students at Notre Dame received Holy Communion; 100% of the Catholic players on the West Point team received Holy Communion at Fr. Duffy's church in New York. For several years our men have chosen the patroness of the Army, St. Joan of Arc, as patroness of the game; the Army has studied our system and copied it. It's time for you to get back on the job.

Prayers.

Two students request prayers for friends deceased within the past few days, and a nun proposes to your charity a special intention for which she has prayed long.